

**MINUTES
of the
FOURTH MEETING
of the
NEW MEXICO FINANCE AUTHORITY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**October 14-15, 2021
State Capitol, House Chambers
Santa Fe**

The fourth meeting of the New Mexico Finance Authority (NMFA) Oversight Committee was called to order by Representative Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, chair, on October 14, 2021 at 9:10 a.m. in the House Chambers of the State Capitol in Santa Fe.

Present

Rep. Elizabeth "Liz" Thomson, Chair
Sen. Daniel A. Ivey-Soto, Vice Chair (10/15)
Rep. Ambrose Castellano (10/14)
Sen. Joseph Cervantes
Rep. Christine Chandler*
Rep. Harry Garcia (10/14)
Rep. Susan K. Herrera
Sen. Stuart Ingle
Rep. Jane E. Powdrell-Culbert
Sen. Nancy Rodriguez
Rep. Patricia Roybal Caballero (10/14)
Rep. Linda Serrato (10/14)

Advisory Members

Rep. Alonzo Baldonado (10/14)
Rep. Meredith A. Dixon (10/15)
Rep. Kelly K. Fajardo (10/15)
Rep. Natalie Figueroa
Rep. Joy Garratt
Rep. Tara L. Lujan
Rep. Kristina Ortez
Sen. Shannon D. Pinto (10/14)

Guest Legislator

Sen. Linda M. Lopez (10/14)

Absent

Rep. Jack Chatfield
Sen. David M. Gallegos
Sen. Ron Griggs
Sen. Siah Correa Hemphill
Rep. Joshua Hernandez
Rep. D. Wonda Johnson
Rep. T. Ryan Lane
Rep. Raymundo Lara
Sen. Michael Padilla

Sen. Jacob R. Candelaria
Rep. Rebecca Dow
Sen. Leo Jaramillo
Rep. Georgene Louis
Rep. Willie D. Madrid
Sen. Mimi Stewart
Rep. Candie G. Sweetser

(Attendance dates are noted for members not present for the entire meeting.)

*The speaker of the house of representatives appointed this legislator a voting member for this meeting.

Staff

Tom Kricka, Staff Attorney, Legislative Council Service (LCS)
Erin Bond, Research Assistant, LCS
Clinton Turner, Fiscal Analyst, LCS

Guests

The guest list is in the meeting file.

Handouts

Handouts and other written testimony are in the meeting file and posted on the legislature's website.

References to Webcast

The time reference noted next to each agenda item in this document is cross-referenced to the webcast of the committee meeting, which can be found at www.nmlegis.gov, under the "Webcast" tab. The presentations made and committee discussions for agenda items can be found on the recorded webcast for this meeting.

Thursday, October 14**Welcome and Introductions (9:10 a.m.)**

Representative Thomson welcomed committee members and asked members and staff to introduce themselves.

Update from the New Mexico Renewable Energy Transmission Authority (RETA) (9:16 a.m.)

Fernando Martinez, executive director, RETA, and Robert E. Busch, chair, Board of Directors, RETA, provided the committee with an update on the RETA. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20101421%20Item%201%20RETA%20Update.pdf>

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Update from the Water Trust Board (10:27 a.m.)

John R. D'Antonio, Jr., P.E., state engineer; Priscilla Lucero, executive director, Southwest New Mexico Council of Governments; and Marquita Russel, chief executive officer, NMFA, provided an update on the Water Trust Board and the implementation of House Bill 200, which passed during the 2021 regular legislative session. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20101421%20Item%202%20Update%20from%20the%20Water%20Trust%20Board.pdf>.

**Response to the Council of Development Finance Agencies' Access to Capital Report;
Review of Proposed Legislative Changes to Statutory Programs Operated by the NMFA
(1:04 p.m.)**

As requested by the committee at the August 2-3, 2021 meeting, Ms. Russel provided a response to the Access to Capital report prepared by the Council of Development Finance Agencies, including a review of relevant programs operated by the NMFA. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20101421%20Item%203%20Review%20of%20Legislation.pdf>.

Approval of Minutes (2:07 p.m.)

Upon a motion made and seconded, and without any objections, the committee approved the minutes of the August 2-3, 2021 meeting.

Adoption of Rules Governing a Licensed Cannabis Microbusiness Loan Program (2:08 p.m.)

Ms. Russel, Linda Trujillo, superintendent, Regulation and Licensing Department, and Ryan Decker, managing director of credit, NMFA, provided the committee with a review of proposed rules governing the cannabis microbusiness loan program under the Statewide Economic Development Finance Act. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=NMFA&Date=10/14/2021&ItemNumber=4>.

Vote on Proposed Rules for a Licensed Cannabis Microbusiness Loan Program (4:01 p.m.)

Upon a motion made by Representative Herrera and seconded by Representative Serrato, the committee voted not to approve the rules proposed by the NMFA governing the cannabis microbusiness loan program under the Statewide Economic Development Finance Act.

Public Banking (4:06 p.m.)

Angela Merkert, executive director, Alliance for Local Economic Prosperity; Christopher Moya, executive vice president, Independent Community Bankers Association of New Mexico; Angel Reyes, president and chief executive officer, Centinel Bank of Taos; John Anderson, executive vice president, New Mexico Bankers Association; Lonnie Talbert, president and chief operating officer, Southwest Capital Bank; Jay Jenkins, president and chief executive officer, Carlsbad National Bank; Jason Wyatt, president and chief executive officer, Western Commerce Bank; Alan Shettlesworth, president and chief executive officer, Main Bank; and Jed Fanning, president and chief executive officer, Citizens Bank of Las Cruces, made a presentation to the committee on establishing a public bank in New Mexico. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20101421%20Item%205%20Alliance%20for%20Local%20Economic%20Prosperity.pdf>.

Recess

The meeting recessed at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, October 15**Reconvene**

Representative Thomson reconvened the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

Public-Private Partnerships (9:03 a.m.)

Richard Larson, M.D., Ph.D., president, New Mexico Bioscience Authority, and vice chancellor for research, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center; and Dale Dekker, A.I.A., A.I.C.P., chair, Board of Directors, New Mexico Bioscience Authority, and founder, Dekker/Perich/Sabatini Architects, Engineers & Planners, provided the committee with a presentation on public-private partnerships and the New Mexico Bioscience Authority. Gail Lewis, strategic advisor, Henningson Engineering Company, provided the committee with an overview of public-private partnerships. The presentation materials can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Committee/Handouts?CommitteeCode=NMFA&Date=10/14/2021&ItemNumber=6>.

Paul Cassidy, retired public finance investment banker and current member, State Board of Finance, joined the presenters to answer questions from the committee.

Report on Recovery Programs (10:27 a.m.)

Ms. Russel provided an update to the committee on the small business recovery programs administered by the NMFA. The presentation can be found here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/handouts/NMFA%20101421%20Item%207%20NMFA%20Recovery%20Program%20Update.pdf>.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m.